### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Yoshitsugu HAMA et al.

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Group Art Unit 1723

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Responsive to the Office Action of October 1, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116

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